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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 11-12, 14 -15 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 11, 12, 14 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9, 11-12, 14 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steidel '814 in view of Jenkins and further in view of McClelland (of record).

The Steidel in view of Jenkins rejection given in the last office action is herein repeated by way of incorporation.

Applicant has argued that Steidel fails to teach use of plural printers located before and after the patch application station.

McClelland teaches preprinting of data in fig. 1 from web press. See col. 2, lines 32-42.

Other print stations than shown can be used to print non-impact personalized information. See col. 3, lines 55-60. This printing occurs before transverse cutting. See also col. 3, lines 25-44 concerning forming the pocket for the envelope.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art, a complex art, to have had the Steidel business forms printed before the patch application station with fixed data and later to print variable data of a personalized nature using non-impact printing on the web/patch now adhered to the web. Motivation would have been the desire to avoid impact printing on the adhered strip. The McClelland reference prints on the same portion of the business form and as applicant used "or" in claims 9 and 12 the reference

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teaches the limitation of "one". Claims are given their broadest reasonable interpretation. Claim 17 calls for the patch to be contiguous with web portion die cut. Steidel teaches cutting of address windows into the envelope form at col. 5, lines 20-21.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Claim 15 stands allowed.

A shortened statutory period of 3 months is set to respond.

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